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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The coin sorting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the main sorting means comprises:

a guide passage for substantially horizontally guiding coins to be sorted, one by one;

conveying means for conveying the coins along the guide passage; and

a plurality of sorting units each for sorting out coins of one of the denominations, arranged at intervals along the guide passage.

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